

WEATHER FORECAST

Generally fair tonight except show-
ers in south portion; Friday showers.

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POSSIBLE THAT STRIKE
MAY BE PREVENTEDProspects of Nation-Wide Disaster Gives Con-
flicting Elements PauseRAILROAD WORKERS TODAY SEEM SOMEWHAT MORE REASONABLE--EXECUTIVE HAS STIRRED
CONGRESS TO ACTION

(Associated Press)

Washington, Aug. 30.—While Congress worked on President Wilson's legislative program to prevent the railway strike, the president renewed efforts to get brotherhood leaders to recall the strike order. At the same time he took steps to hurry Congress. He summoned the brotherhood leaders to the White House at 2 o'clock this afternoon and then went to the capitol to consult administration leaders.

It is expected that the freight embargo will hurry Congress. The statement of brotherhood leaders that the strike order would be recalled if an eight-hour day law was passed by Saturday, led the president to redouble his efforts.

PRESIDENT WILL APPEAL TO
EMPLOYEES

Should the president's appeal to the brotherhood leaders to rescind the strike order fail, he probably would issue a public statement telling the railroad employees they had no right to imperil the industries of the nation under such conditions when the things they demanded are about to be provided for by law, and asking them to join in ordering its recall.

HURRIES THE HOUSE

House leaders have decided to act at once on the bill carrying out President Wilson's eight-hour day recommendations and providing a commission of investigation, which was introduced by Representative Adamson, chairman of the interstate commerce committee. Unless the Senate acts promptly the House will rush the Adamson bill through under a special order.

Postmaster General Burleson, after seeing the president conferred with Representative Adamson on the movement of mails.

RAILROAD MEN ONLY WANT
THEIR RIGHTS

Railroad men are wanderers on the face of the earth and merely demand the human right to enjoy some things other men in different walks of life enjoy. A. B. Garretson told the Senate interstate commerce committee, this morning at a hearing on President Wilson's legislative program. He said the brotherhood believed that all disputes should be settled between employees and employers, but they were willing to waive that if Congress could settle the differences. He said the men were willing to accept an eight hour law with ten hour pay if assured the pending inquiry won't accept compulsory arbitration.

Senator Newlands declared legislation didn't deny any man the right to quit his job. There were a number of railroad presidents and managers present at the hearing.

PRESIDENT SEEMED PLEASED

The president left the capitol smiling. He said he was merely seeing that things moved. Representative Adamson said the House would pass the eight-hour law tomorrow.

One of the brotherhood leaders admitted his belief that the rank and file of railroad men would vote to delay the strike had they the time and opportunity. Out of this and other indications came the intimation that the strike could be prevented.

Discussion of the strike has replaced practically all other business before the Senate.

CENTRAL WILL CLOSE SHOPS

Savannah, Aug. 31.—The Central of Georgia has ordered the shops closed Monday if the operatives force a strike.

RAILROADS POOL RESOURCES

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Railway president and operating heads met here this afternoon to formulate plans for the operation of trains in the event of a strike. The roads are understood to have agreed to pool their resources.

FREIGHT CUT OFF
AFTER FRIDAYSEABOARD AIR LINE ISSUES AN
IMPORTANT WARNING TO
SHIPPERS

The following, which was handed us by the Seaboard agent, Mr. Neil Harris, at 2:15 p. m., is probably the last order Mr. Parsons issues for the Seaboard. He goes to the Charlotte Harbor and Northern tomorrow.

The Star received this notification in an Associated Press dispatch yesterday morning, but the Seaboard denied it and the Associated Press wired its members to cancel the dispatch: Tampa, August 31st.

All Agents and Freight Conductors: On account declaration of a strike no freight of any character will be received from shippers or connections after Friday, Sept. 1st. On Thursday, August 31st, and Friday, September 1st, no freight of any character will be received from shippers or connections which will not under regular schedule reach final destination by midnight, Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Until further notice all bills of lading and waybills and card manifest must be endorsed as follows: "Property covered by this bill of lading is received for transportation upon the understanding or agreement assented to by shipper or owner that the carrier shall not be liable for loss, damage or delay resulting from riots or strikes." All addressed notify all concerned, including boards of trade, chambers of commerce, all newspapers and give this matter immediate attention and wide publicity. T. W. Parsons, Supt.

FIRED ON IN A FOG

Germany Disavowed Any Unfriendly
Intent in the Attack on
the Owego

(Associated Press)

Washington, Aug. 31.—Germany in a note received today practically disavowed any unfriendly intention in the submarine attack on the American steamer Owego, several weeks ago, and submitted a statement of the incident, which is expected to close the case. The Owego which was fired on in a fog was uninjured.

INTERESTING PROGRAM

Arranged for Meeting of Wesley
Bible Class Federation in Ocala

An interesting program has been arranged for the second annual meeting of the Wesley Bible Class Federation of the Florida Conference, to be held in Ocala, October 10-12. Each department of the federation will be represented—intermediate, senior and adult. There will be addresses, short talks, and round tables, and reports from workers. It is expected that the attendance will reach 600.

Among the speakers will be Dr. W. N. Ainsworth, pastor of the Mulberry street church, Macon, Ga.; Dr. C. D. Bulla, superintendent of the Wesley Bible Class department of the church; Mr. J. M. Way, of Spartanburg, S. C., field secretary for the Atlantic division, including all the Conferences on the Atlantic Coast from Baltimore to Florida; and Dr. J. H. Terrell, of Albany, Ga., field secretary for the North and South Georgia conferences.

The Ocala House will be the headquarters for the convention.

MEXICANS BOUGHT
LAND IN MARIONTrio of Latin-Americans Have Purchased a Big Farm on the Shady
Grove Road

For the past two weeks three Mexican citizens from Aguas Calientes, Mexico, almost a thousand miles from the border, have been in the city looking over the different farm properties that are for sale, with the intention of buying themselves a future home, that they may move to and spend their lives in peace.

The men are Mr. J. J. Jirash, who speaks English fluently, and is an educated gentleman and his brother, Salim Jirash, and Mr. Gabriel Nasri. Neither of the latter two speak English.

The men are merchandising in Mexico, but are taxed and harassed till their lives are anything but a pleasure and their business no longer profitable.

They have at last found and purchased a farm that suits them perfectly, after looking the country over thoroughly.

They bought today, the 323 acre farm, six miles out on the Shady Grove road, owned by Mr. James L. Adams, and one of the best farm properties in that section, half of which is in cultivation, with ample fencing, water and buildings, as well as a residence. All of the live stock goes with the place and the property will be delivered to the new owners as soon as Mr. Adams harvests his crop.

The Mexican gentlemen left this afternoon for their long trip home, and will send a couple of men by the first of the year to take charge of the farm and expect to return themselves as soon as their business can be closed up and their investments there, which are quite extensive, closed up. This will be within a year.

Mr. G. A. Camp, of Oklawaha made the trade for the owners and the Mexicans.

We are glad to see foreign people and foreign money coming into Marion county. We need more of both. It will be remembered that a short time ago, an Austrian came to Ocala from Mexico, where he had been for a number of years with his Mexican serving man, and bought a little farm at the northwest corner of the city, where he is now located and is well satisfied.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Of Council Framed the Library Budget for Ensuing Year

The finance committee of council met last night and prepared a budget for the library. The budget will be recommended to council for adoption. No one appeared before the committee, although its meeting had been announced as a public one. The committee reduced the salary of the librarian from \$50 to \$40 a month. The budget, based on \$1,000 available for the library, is as follows:

Janitor, \$100; insurance, \$15; water, \$12; water meter, \$15; lights, \$24; coal, \$50; magazines, \$50; stationery, \$10; repairs and incidentals, \$50; care of lawn, \$18; librarian, \$480.

The committee will recommend to council that any money that can be saved from the budget go for books.

Manager Bennett of the Temple, recently re-paired his big bulletin board on the lot next to the Star, which makes quite a difference in its appearance as well as helps the general view of the surroundings.

OCALA MUST FIGHT
HER OWN WAY OUTSHE IS IN THE POSITION OF A BECIEGED CITY
IN THE OKLAHAWA RIVER, HOWEVER, SHE HAS AN ADEQUATE
FREIGHT INLET AND OUTLET

Ocala, in the center of what is conceded to be the richest agricultural county in Florida, is being crushed by freight rates. It is in the position of a besieged city. Jacksonville on the north, and Tampa on the south, each with deep water, are the controlling factors in the freight rate situation, and Ocala, half way between the two ports, is being "pushed" from both directions.

Commodities brought into Ocala take rates from their points of origin to Jacksonville, or Tampa, plus the local rates from either of those two points to this city; with the result that the merchants of Jacksonville and Tampa, and of the cities between, can compete with, and even undersell, the merchants of Ocala in Ocala territory. They can undersell Ocala in Ocala. Nor is the responsibility for this situation to be placed on the railroads or the railroad commission. The same situation obtains in other states.

Ocala is responsible for the serious position in which she is placed. She cannot expect help from those who are attempting to take such rich commercial territory as this is. The railroads and railroad commission must, if they are fair, remain neutral toward all. Ocala must fight her own way out—and she has a waterway to the Atlantic, the same means given to Jacksonville and Tampa to obtain their advantage.

The railroads and the railroad commission have shown a disposition, lately at least, to grant exceptions to the shippers of this city, where exceptions were justified. Special rates were granted, for example, to the Ocala Knitting Mill on its products. This mill, however, is the only one of its kind in the state. Some relief has been obtained from the through rate on flour and grain recently established.

With the exceptions, made because of volume or for like reasons, the general fact remains that the merchants of Jacksonville and Tampa, and of towns and cities between, can successfully compete with, and undersell, the merchants of this city in this city's territory; and, in order to do any business at all, the merchants of Ocala must rely on quick delivery, on personality, and smaller profits, not one of which is invulnerable.

As for the use of the water transportation, it has been demonstrated that a co-operative freight line, operated on a sound business basis, will cut rates considerably, and in so doing pay for itself in a short time. This cut in rates must have effect on rail rates. It has had effect in the case of cities situated as Ocala is. Leesburg realizes this, and is working hard for the development of the Oklawaha river.

A freight line on the rivers, between Ocala and Jacksonville, would reduce rates, not only, but would give the merchants an opportunity to cover a greater field, reduce prices, and increase their profits.

There has been much said of late about Gainesville taking trade from Ocala. There is no reason why Ocala should have better rates than, nor even as good as Gainesville, if the river is not a factor. Gainesville is over 40

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Cincinnati to Jacksonville.....	.95	.80	.75	.70	.58	.46
Jacksonville to Ocala.....	.62	.58	.50	.41	.35	.30
Cincinnati to Ocala.....	1.57	1.38	1.25	1.11	.93	.76
Jacksonville to Anthony.....	.56	.53	.46	.38	.33	.26
Ocala to Anthony.....	1.51	1.33	1.21	1.08	.91	.72
Jacksonville to Tampa.....	.24	.21	.20	.19	.14	.13
Cincinnati to Tampa.....	.50	.43	.34	.32	.28	.27
Tampa to Ocala.....	1.45	1.23	1.09	1.05	.86	.73
	.62	.58	.50	.41	.35	.30

WACAHOOTA

Wacahoota, Aug. 30.—Mrs. V. P. Smith left last Wednesday for Worthington Springs and her many friends here hope the water there will prove beneficial to her.

Mr. J. O. Tyson was a business visitor to the University City last Friday.

Mrs. J. Porter Smith is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Pedrick in Gainesville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Smith, Mrs. M. R. Beck, Miss Rosalie Smith and Messrs. Cedrick and Clarence Smith were business callers in Williston Saturday afternoon.

Mr. J. W. May and daughter, Miss

miles nearer Jacksonville. With the development of the water route from here to Jacksonville, however, Ocala would obtain lower rates than Gainesville, and would be able to undersell the merchants of that city.

The straightening and deepening of the Silver and Oklawaha rivers will not benefit this city greatly if there is no freight line. A boat line from Leesburg to Jacksonville would not help Ocala very much, unless the boat be a common carrier. Leesburg, doubtless, will establish a co-operative line similar to the one attempted here. Ocala therefore, must have a co-operative line eventually, and the successful operation of it now would be a strong puller for an appropriation to improve the waterway. The first question the government engineers ask is, What is the volume of traffic on the river? So that not even the government will help Ocala unless Ocala helps herself.

Consider some of Ocala's rates as compared with those of other places in the state. It is not necessary to consider all. The general proposition of one rate to Jacksonville and Tampa, plus another into Ocala, stands, whether commodities are shipped from the Ohio river crossings, or from the east, by rail or by water.

From Cincinnati, for example, the rate on commodities known as class 1, covering dry goods, is 95 cents. The rate for this class from Jacksonville to Ocala is 62 cents, making the rate from Cincinnati to Ocala \$1.57. The rate from Jacksonville to Anthony on this class of goods is 56 cents. It is easy to see what position the Ocala merchant is placed in with regard to doing business in Anthony.

Dry goods shipped into Anthony by way of Ocala would take a rate of \$1.81. And what is true of dry goods is true of hardware, crockery, sugar, rice and other commodities.

The commodities just mentioned can be shipped from the Ohio river crossings, through Ocala, to Tampa, at rates lower than the rates to Ocala. The rate on class 2 stuff, covering hardware, from Cincinnati to Tampa is \$1.23. From Cincinnati to Ocala the rate is \$1.38. The rate on class 2 stuff from Jacksonville to Tampa is 43 cents, and from Jacksonville to Ocala is 58 cents.

Class 1 commodities take a rate of 48 cents from Jacksonville to Gainesville, as against a rate of 62 cents from Jacksonville to Ocala. And with the 14 cents difference Gainesville merchants can get well into Ocala territory. The rate on hardware from Jacksonville to Ocala is 58 cents. To Gainesville it is only 46 cents.

Class 2 commodities can be shipped from Jacksonville to Sanford for 32 cents. Sanford is about 125 miles south of Jacksonville, as compared with Ocala's 102 miles. But Sanford gets its rate because of water competition.

Palatka, having water competition, can get into Ocala territory without difficulty.

Following will be found a table, giving six class rates, which show the position in which Ocala is placed:

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	.62	.58	.50	.41	.35	.30

Vida of Micanopy, and Mrs. Mack May of Alachua were guests to dinner of Mrs. J. O. Tyson Sunday. Mrs. Mack May will remain several days. The rest of the party returned home in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Smith and daughter and son Clarence attended the baptizing at Shiloh Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Clarence Smith and Miss Rosalie Smith and Mrs. M. R. Beck attended services at McIntosh Sunday night.

Misses Theora and Leola Smith and Emma Bodie returned Monday from a week's visit to Mrs. R. C. Epperson of Williston. They had a most enjoyable time and attended a number of social events while there. Sunday Mr. Otis

RUMANIANS HAVE
TAKEN RUTSCHUKSerbians Repulse Bulgars With
Great SlaughterOTTOMANS DECLARE WAR ON RUMANIA AND GREECE IS ABOUT
TO JOIN THE ALLIES

(Associated Press)

London, Aug. 30.—Turkey has declared war on Rumania according to a Reuter dispatch from Constantinople.

RUMANIANS TOOK RUTSCHUK
Paris hears that Rumanian troops have occupied Rutschuk, Bulgaria.BRITAIN'S ROLL OF HONOR
British casualties during August totalled 127,945.UNABLE TO STAY OUT
Greece may enter the war soon. An Athens dispatch filed yesterday says rapid diplomatic developments make it appear that neutrality will be abandoned within forty-eight hours. The king received the Russian, French and British ministers today. Staff officers on leave have been recalled.

BLOODY REPULSE FOR BULGARS

It is estimated that the Bulgarians lost 15,000 men attacking the Serbians, according to an Athens dispatch. Severe fighting is in progress on the entire Macedonian front. The French report German attacks in Lorraine last night.

OHIOANS TORTURE
AN OFFICERCitizens of Lima Guilty of Conduct
that Would Disgrace
Savages

(Associated Press)

Lima, Ohio, Aug. 30.—All is quiet here today after a night of violence resulting in an attempt by a mob to lynch Charles Daniels, a negro accused of assaulting a white woman. Sheriff Eley, who captured Daniels and carried him to a place of safety, was tortured until he led the mob to Ottawa, where he had taken the prisoner. The prisoner had already been taken from Ottawa, to Toledo, it is understood.

Hester took Mr. and Mrs. Durden, Mr. Napoleon Smith and the young ladies already mentioned on a trip to Winter Park, going through Oakland, Winter Garden and Orlando and taking dinner in Winter Park. They returned in the afternoon, reaching home at 8 o'clock Sunday night. They made the trip in Mr. Hester's seven-passenger touring car.

Misses Rosalie Smith and Emma Bodie left Tuesday night for Micanopy, where they will be guests of Miss Vida May the next few days.

Messrs. Cedrick and Clarence Smith, Miss Rosalie Smith and Mrs. M. R. Beck attended the dance at Archer Friday night.

Miss Mamie Gibbons of Archer is visiting Mrs. Elvin Bruton this week.

BELLEVUE

Bellevue, Aug. 30.—The school term of 1916-17 opened under very auspicious circumstances last Monday morning. Professor and Mrs. A. E. Ashworth spent the morning in organizing the school and in the afternoon the children were released until Tuesday morning. The writer and sister Minnie visited the school Tuesday morning and were much pleased with the systematic manner with which the work was carried on.

Mrs. V. D. P. Pratt left last Tuesday for Wildwood, at which place she will assist her mother, Mrs. H. C. Northey in the management of the Majestic hotel.

Mrs. John W. Brown made a business trip to Ocala last Friday, returning Saturday.

Mr. John Waters of Savannah, Ga., and formerly of Levon, was visiting with friends in Bellevue last Friday.

HAMPSHIRE HOGS
ARE HEREBIG SHIPMENT OF BLOODED
STOCK FOR MARION COUN-
TY PIG CLUB BOYS

The first shipment of Hampshire hogs for the big club boys arrive in Ocala this afternoon in charge of a herdsman. The car will come in over the Atlantic Coast Line. The hogs will be unloaded in the yards, and will be taken to the Nichols & Cobb stables on Broadway, where they will be kept until Saturday, when they will be distributed to the boys.

Much interest is being shown in the arrival of the hogs, 28 sows and three boars, 300 pound pure bred animals, and it is expected they will be seen by many before distributed. Arrangements have been made to take photographs. C. K. McQuarrie and L. P. Spencer, of the experiment station at Gainesville, are expected to be here Saturday for the distribution of the hogs to the boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Abshire and family went fishing last week and report having very good luck.

Mr. S. L. Bitting made a business trip to Ocala last Wednesday.

Our old stand-by, the Star's oldest subscriber in Belleview, Mr. Isaac N. Nichols, walked right up to the desk, laid down one-fifty without a struggle and requested the record of twenty years be kept unbroken by continuing the Weekly Star for another period of twelve months. We have a number of these old-time subscribers who are always anxious to keep the paper coming.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Shultz of Inverness, formerly of Candler, with Mr. Shultz's mother, passed thru Belleview on their way to Candler to visit old friends and scenes. Mr. Shultz said that he always found time from his many business duties to peruse the Star and the Belleview items each week. Whenever a subscriber to the Star leaves Marion, the Star has to follow.

Mr. James N. Shedd made one of his semi-annual trips to Ocala last Tuesday.

While a bunch of us were out walking last Sunday evening, protected by Sniglefoot and Dixie, they spied a beautiful cat, attending strictly to its own business in the road ahead of us. Now Snig and Dixie, like all well regulated dogs, know that a cat has no business in the same road with themselves, so they gave chase. The cat refused to enthrone for the occasion, but ambled on its peaceful way, until the two pups, fired with enthusiasm came too close and all of a sudden they stopped still and went over like a shot. And now they are in disgrace and cannot come in the house and nobody wants to pet and fondle them any more.

The Methodists have reorganized an Epworth League and are holding some very successful meetings each Sunday evening.

With the greatest war in the history of the world in progress, with the greatest mobilization of army troops known in the United States since 1866, with prospects of the greatest strike in the history of the world staring us in the face, with turmoil and strife entering into the every day life of the community, both large and small, why, I ask, will not the people stop, look and listen before it is too late.

A broken Thermos bottle is no good—bring it to us and we will make it "as good as new." The Court Pharmacy.